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Officers and executive for 1941-42.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the B.C.L.A. was held in the Brock Memorial Building of the University of B.C. on May 16, 1941.

Following Dr. Klinck's address of welcome and the President's remarks, the business of the meeting was begun. Among other things, a discussion on means of securing a larger attendance at future conventions was led by Miss Stockett. It was moved that a committee be appointed by the incoming executive to investigate the suggestions proposed.

The morning session was devoted chiefly to the study of the proposed organization of a Canadian Library Association. After a lengthy discussion it was moved "that the B.C.L.A. is of the opinion that the proposals for the establishment of a Canadian Library Council offer the best prospect for the advancement of Canadian librarianship and for the development of a Canadian library organization." The motion was carried.

It was also moved "that the A.L.A. be asked to continue the Canadian Council as a Committee of the A.L.A., as recommended by the Ottawa meeting of January 27, 1941." Carried

Luncheon was served in the dining room of the Brock Memorial Building. An important feature was the rural librarian's luncheon, at which Dr. Kaye Lamb presided, and Mr. R.T. MacKenzie of the Extension Department of the University was the speaker. Other special luncheons were arranged for catalogue, reference, order and children's librarians.

The afternoon session was given over to a discussion of the Survey Report of the Public Library Commission, the preliminary draft of which had just been released. The section dealing with school libraries brought forth some heated arguments, and it was finally decided to defer all decision on the report until further discussion could take place. This session was broken by an interval during which the members were guests of the University at tea.

It was moved that the B.C.L.A. "go on record as deploring the action of any librarians who ban the work of any writer on the basis of his political beliefs." Carried.

At dinner in the Brock Memorial dining room, the Hon. George M. Weir, Honorary President, was the speaker. He stressed the growing need for closer cooperation between libraries and the government in the matter of adult education. Later in the evening, the members and guests adjourned to the theatre, where Mr. Leonard Chatwin gave a display of motion picture films belonging to the Extension Department of the University.

On August 30, 1941, members of B.C.L.A. who were attending the meetings of the Pacific Northwest Library Association at Victoria, met informally to discuss the Canadian Library Council. It was announced that, under the present constitution of the A.L.A., the formation of the Council as it had been proposed was not possible. However, it was suggested that the number of members or the existing committee might be increased. There could be eighteen besides the original seven, who would still serve as the A.L.A. advisory board. These eighteen could be elected as representatives from each province. It was proposed to ask the Carnegie Corporation, or some other foundation, for an adequate grant to finance the project for from three to five years. Among suggested projects for the Council to consider were:

(1) The consideration of adequate library service to the armed forces in Canada.

(2) The improving and enlarging of the Canadian Periodical Index.

(3) The bringing up-to-date of Miss Higgins' list of Canadian Government Documents.

(4) The enforcement of "P.C. 1471" which requires that copies of Government Documents be sent to libraries.

EXECUTIVE MEETING An executive meeting of the B.C.L.A. was held in New Westminster on June 13, 1941. A letter from the Secretary of the Ontario Library Association was discussed, which asked what action was being taken by B.C.L.A. with regard to the Unemployment Insurance Act. A committee was appointed to investigate this matter.

The following were appointed chairmen of the standing committees:

Employment	-	Miss J. Porter
Government Documents	-	Miss Ann Berry
Legislation	-	Mr. C.K. Morison
Membership	-	Mr. R.B. Carrick
Provincial Relations	-	Miss M. Clay
Publicity	-	Mr. L.F. MacRae

The members of the special committees on Unemployment insurance, Mr. H.N. Lidster, Chairman, and Amendments to the Constitution, Miss J.C. Stockett, Chairman, are as follows:

Miss Margaret Black	Mr. C.K. Morison
Mr. R.B. Carrick	Mr. John Ridington
Miss B.M. Carruthers	Mr. E.S. Robinson
Miss M. J. Clay	Miss S. Shopland
Miss D. B. Kelly	Miss R.E. Cameron (ex officio)
Dr. W. K. Lamb	Miss Amy Hutcheson, Secy. B.C.L.A.

The Chairman of the Amendments to the Constitution Committee wishes that every member of the B.C.L.A. would study the constitution carefully and requests that all suggested amendments to the constitution be sent to her for inclusion in the next "Bulletin". Discussion could follow in the issue after that. This would conserve much precious time at the Annual Meeting, when pressure on every minute is heavy. Please look ahead and co-operate. The B.C.L.A. constitution needs changing and amendments should originate democratically from the membership at large.

At the meeting in Victoria on August 29, Mr. Lidster moved "that we now give notice of motion that at the next B.C.L.A. meeting the constitution be amended so that representatives from B.C.L.A. to A.L.A. be automatically the B.C. members on the P.N.L.A. Board."

SPECIAL MEETING There will be no special meeting of the B.C.L.A. called until further notice.

VISIT OF MR. C.F. McCOMBS

Mr. C. F. McCombs, Superintendent of the main Reading Room, of the New York Public Library spent nearly a week in British Columbia during September, inspecting libraries on behalf of the Rockefeller Foundation. Mr. McCombs' visit was part of a Dominion-wide tour on which he saw most of the large public libraries and University libraries. His enquiries lay almost entirely within the field of library research with particular emphasis on those matters national in scope. These involved such questions as filming of early newspaper files, compilation and printing of Canadian periodical index, government document bibliographies, certain aspects of adult education, visitation and inspection of libraries, especially those in isolated places, with a view to giving counsel and advice where needed, and similar matters.

In British Columbia, Mr. McCombs visited the University of B.C. Library, the Vancouver Public Library, the Provincial Library and the Victoria Public Library. One day was spent in Seattle conferring with Mr. C.W. Smith, of the University of Washington Library, regarding the Canadian members of the union catalogue now in process of formation.

Mr. McCombs brought to the work a fund of rich experience, a sympathetic attitude and a rare understanding which it is hoped will result in some form of aid and useful service to all Canadian libraries. His visit, together with the formation of the Canadian Library Council augur well for a new era in librarianship in this country. Librarians who were unable to confer with Mr. McCombs are invited to send suggestions to the librarians of any of the four above-mentioned libraries whereby library service might be improved on a national basis, such as outlined above. These will be sent forward if found to come within the scope of his investigations.

FRASER VALLEY UNION LIBRARY

The recent proposal of Kent Municipality, one of twenty-one governmental units in the Fraser Valley Union Library District, that library service throughout the entire library district be discontinued for the duration of the war, and that the money that would otherwise be spent on library service be devoted to the war effort, met with no support from any of the other units in the library district.

The proposal was discussed during a meeting of the Fraser Valley Reeves Association, a copy of Kent Municipality's resolution having been sent to this body. No action was taken.

Their resolution having failed to secure any outside support, it is believed that Kent Municipality will let the subject drop, especially as many of the ardent supporters of the library in this municipality have let their councillors know that they disapprove of the resolution.

Commonweal - 1934 - 35 numbers
1935 - 1 "
1936 - 41 "
1937 - 46 "
1938 - 34 "

VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Eighth Annual series of Adult Education Lectures commenced September 17th, with Dr. G.G. Sedgewick giving the eighth consecutive introductory lecture, this year on "Citizenship". Last season there were twenty-five talks on "History and Current Events". These proved so popular that an additional twenty-five are listed for the 1941-42 season. There are four speakers outside the University of British Columbia. Dr. Carlos Garcia Prada of the University of Washington will have three evenings on Central and South America; Captain Elmore Philpott of Victoria will speak on "Union now"; Mrs. Laura E. Jamieson has two talks on the history and future of women, and Rev. S.T. Pagesmith contributes a lecture on South Africa, having lived there ten years before coming to Vancouver.

The committee consists of Miss Annie B. Jamieson, Board Member, Mr. E.S. Robinson, Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Julia Stockett, Chairman.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The following pamphlet should be of interest to both school and public librarians:

Schools and public libraries working together in school library service. Report of the Joint Committee of the National Education Association and the American Library Association. National Education Association of the United States, 1201 Sixteenth St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 1941. 64 p. Single copies 25 cents. Discount, 2-9 copies, 10%, 10-99 copies, 25%.

"A useful pamphlet summarizing principles and practices gleaned from investigations conducted over a fairly wide field. An aid to co-operation and an 'entente cordiale'."

PERSONAL NOTES

Carter: Miss Margaret Carter left the staff of the Vancouver Public Library early in September. She is now attending Normal School in Vancouver.

Creelman: Miss Margaret Creelman of the Circulation Department of the Vancouver Public Library has been granted leave of absence to take a second year of library work at Columbia University.

NEW WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of the Carnegie Public Library, New Westminster, B.C., announces that a vacancy, through superannuation, will occur on the staff, December 31st, 1941. Applications to fill the position of second assistant are invited from graduates of an accredited library school, who have had experience in children's work.

PRINCE GEORGE

The Public Library Commission branch at Prince George has benefitted greatly by the appointment of a full-time clerical assistant for the four months from June to September. The summer would have seemed almost impossible without this help and it is going to be difficult to carry on efficiently when the staff is reduced once more.

The co-operative school library project has expanded to include the official trusteeships of two inspectorates covering the territory from Pacific to Red Pass and south to Alexandria. This winter there will be no expansion to include new schools but a closer integration of the work that has been done and growth in service to the schools participating in the scheme.

PRINCE RUPERT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Miss Van Cooten reports that "the City of Prince Rupert has seen its way clear to give extra aid to the library during 1941 in the matter of rebinding and purchasing new books for the adult and children's sections, and it is hoped that more will be purchased before the end of the year.

The library was the recipient of a gift from the Women's Canadian Club, which is much appreciated and new books by Canadian authors will be bought with the amount.

The circulation of our library has increased to quite an extent this year, which makes it rather difficult, as our supply of books is inadequate to meet the demands."

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The following material is available free for transportation from the University of British Columbia Library on request.

Catholic World (52 numbers per year)
October 1934 - December 1936.
1937 - 6 numbers
1938 - 1 number

Crosby: Miss Kathleen Crosby of the Boys' and Girls' Department and Kitsilano Branch of the Vancouver Public Library was married in Chicago on September 20th to Mr. S.H. MacKinnon.

Hollis: Miss Constance Hollis of the Reference Department of the Vancouver Public Library was married in Juneau, Alaska, on September 25th to Mr. Rulon Eugene Watson.

Jenkins: Miss Irene Jenkins was married on August 30th to Mr. John Hampton. She has been on the staff of the Vancouver Public Library, in the Boys' and Girls' Department for the past year.

Lanning: Mr. Roland Lanning, Head of the Periodicals Department of the University Library was married on September 5th to Miss Christine McGregor, who has also been a member of the staff of the Library for a number of years.

McRae: A son, Lachlan John, was born August 11th to Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan F. MacRae, New Westminster.

Mills: Miss Laura Mills of the Vancouver Public Library's Circulation Department has left to continue her studies at the University of British Columbia.

Rosie: Miss Isabel Rosie of the Bindery staff at the Vancouver Public Library was married to Mr. James Lynch on September 27th.

Robinson: Miss Beverley Robinson, for the past year a member of the staff of the Catalogue Department of the Vancouver Public Library is in the army now. She is a member of the new Canadian Women's Army Corps. Her place has been taken by Miss Alma Lott formerly in the Periodical Reading Room.

Stewart: Miss Edith Stewart, formerly in charge of the Travelling Library Division of the Public Library Commission, in Victoria, joined the staff of the University Library in July as Extension Librarian.